

We have allowed violent criminals to be released to prey on society and called it compassion or rehabilitation.

We have imprisoned the innocent and let the guilty go free and called it justice.

Indeed America is in much need of prayer.

And in my concluding minute, let me point out, Mr. Speaker, that the RU-486 pill, about to emerge on the American market, has been called by Thomas Grenchik, director of the archdiocesan Pro-Life Office as a child-pesticide. He says Clinton has another anticipated victory in his campaign to kill the pre-born.

"At the President's direction," Mr. Grenchik says, "the Food and Drug Administration has strong-armed the use of RU-486 from its European owner and, as promised, will ramrod the approval of this child-pesticide at all costs."

It goes on to describe this panel of experts on July 19, way out of town in Gaithersburg with a 6-0 vote, two abstaining, on unleashing this child-pesticide.

RU-486, also known by its generic name mifepristone, is taken first and causes the uterine lining to break down and slough off. Then misoprostol, a prostaglandin that stimulates uterine contractions, is taken 2 days later, a complicated procedure requiring several medical visits, precise drug doses, and monitoring.

In an editorial in "L'Osservatore Romano," the Vatican newspaper, it was condemned as an abortion pill, "the pill of Cain, the monster that cynically kills one's brother"; and in this editorial, a moral theologian writes that the pill's anticipated approval in the United States is an important victory for what it termed, and this is in Rome, the "abortion party" led by the Population Council and the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

So the battle goes on, Mr. Speaker, and let us hope that people go into this with their eyes open and that we do not have a delayed time bomb of the thalidomide problem here. Yes, as Reverend Joe Wright says, America is certainly a Nation in need of prayer.

As Billy Graham said in our beautiful Rotunda when he received, unanimously from both the Senate and the House, the Congressional Gold Medal, America is a Nation on the brink of self-destruction.

ACTIONS TO MARKET ABORTION PILL ARE DENOUNCED

The archdiocesan pro-life director denounced this week's government actions that would soon put the abortion-inducing pill RU-486 on the American market.

Thomas Grenchik, director of the archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, said that President Clinton "has another anticipated victory in his campaign to kill" the unborn. "At the president's direction, the Food and Drug Administration has strong-armed the use of RU-486 from its European owner and, as promised, will ramrod the approval of this child-pesticide at all costs."

A panel of scientific experts recommended July 19 that the FDA here in Washington

allow the controversial abortion-inducing pill to be marketed in the United States.

Following a public hearing in Gaithersburg, the FDA's Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee voted 6-0 that the benefits of the RU-486/misoprostol regimen for terminating early pregnancies outweigh its risks. Two members of the panel abstained.

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An editorial in the July 22 issue of L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, condemned the abortion pill as "the pill of Cain, the monster that cynically kills one's brother."

The editorial, signed by Father Gino Concetti, a moral theologian, said the pill's anticipated approval in the United States was an important victory for what it termed the "abortion party" led by the Population Council and the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

At the hearing, the Population Council, a New-York based research organization that holds the U.S. patent rights to RU-486, presented clinical data from two French trials involving 2,480 women and preliminary safety data from U.S. trials involving 2,100 women.

More than 30 individuals also testified during the open portion of the meeting.

The French data showed the medical abortion procedure to be 95 percent effective. However, panelists also heard that women participating in the clinical trials experienced painful contractions of the uterus as well as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, pelvic pain and spasm, and headache.

In some cases where the chemical combination failed to produce an abortion, women then had surgical abortions; others completed their pregnancies and delivered babies with deformities.

According to an FDA statement after the panel decision, "a very small percentage of patients in the clinical trials required hospitalizations, surgical treatment or transfusions."

Dr. Mark Louviere, a Waterloo, Iowa, emergency room physician who said he is a supporter of legalized abortion, told FDA panelists that he treated a participant in the Planned Parenthood of Iowa trial who lost more than half of her blood volume and nearly died.

"I am concerned that all of the true complications of RU-486 are not being reported to both the media and to the FDA," he said, adding that he also fears the use of RU-486 "by physicians without appropriate follow-up."

"The FDA approval process is moving at an unheard-of pace to approve this deadly drug combination, leaving many concerns about safety unresolved," said Wanda Franz, a developmental psychologist at West Virginia University and president of the National Right to Life Committee, in a statement from the group's Washington office.

"Respect for human life and women's health, not developing human 'pesticides,' should be at the center of the FDA's concern when advancing new drugs," said Judie Brown, president of the American Life League, in a statement from the organization's headquarters in Stafford, VA.

RU-486 was developed by the French company Roussel Uclaf, and has been taken by more than 200,000 European women since 1989. In 1994, Roussel Uclaf signed over U.S. rights to the Population Council, which filed the FDA application in March.

In deciding on drug applications, the federal agency usually has followed the recommendations of its advisory committees. If RU-486 is approved by the FDA, the drug would be sold by Advances in Health Technology, a company set up for that purpose last year, and could be available in the United States next year.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 4(b) OF RULE XI WITH RESPECT TO SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. GOSS (during the special order of the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON] from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-735) on the resolution (H. Res. 500) waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of a certain resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

A DIFFERENT VISION OF AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to talk tonight about a different vision of America, a vision that we are not really seeing from the Washington bureaucracy, but one that this Congress is trying to form and trying to achieve and move our Nation towards.

We have asked ourselves some fundamental questions: What kind of America do we want? Do we want an America where illegal drug use is up? Do we want an America where taxes are up and wages are down? Do we want an America where welfare traps families and despairs generation after generation? And do we want an America where illegal immigration is up? And do we want one where a White House has more scandals than Hollywood has disaster films?

Look at that vision of America. That is somehow what many of the Washington bureaucrats see and administer today.

Think about another kind of America. Would we like one that has stronger and safer families through a real fight against crime and illegal drugs? Do we want an America where there are more opportunities through lower taxes, higher wages, better jobs and more free time? Do we want an American where illegal immigration is down and English is truly our common and unifying language? Do we want an America where welfare is replaced by work? And do we want an America where the White House is the moral leader of the country, not just the political issues.

These are the things that we are going to talk about tonight, and I have